



PLANNING BOARD

~ 2005 REPORT ~

Thank you to Paul Amato for serving the Town and giving his time as the Board chairman during 2004 and early 2005.

In May 2005, the Planning Board sent out a Community Vision Survey to all registered voters. A BIG THANK YOU to all who responded. The Board wants this

type of input, and it is your Town and your thoughts help when looking at master plan and zoning changes.

This year the Board spent a lot of time putting together the finishing touches on the Growth Management Ordinance and this meant many hours in work sessions, going over the Cost of Services report, constantly checking what we had gone over many times before on growth data, and checking the verbiage in an effort to make sure what is presented to the voters will satisfy the needs of the Town. The Board met a minimum of three times each month, which included the normal public meeting, reviewing subdivision and site plan proposals. This is an unusual amount of time being given by a small group of dedicated volunteers.

The Stabile project, known as The Reserve at Federal Hill, was given final approval and work started almost immediately as anyone trying to travel up or down Ponemah Hill Road found out. This is another step in completing the water and sewer infrastructure called out for in the utilities master plan.

One of the steps that the Board has taken in approving new large subdivisions is to require a "Development Agreement" between the applicant and Town, which spells out what the developer must do and at what step in the process that it must be done. This will help prevent problems the Town has faced in the past when trying to insure successful completion of large subdivisions.

Welcome to Sarah Marchant who joined the Planning staff this year and has shown to be a great asset to the Department. As always, many thanks to the Planning and Community Development staff and Department heads that contribute much needed technical help.

The Town is always looking for new people to serve on its diverse boards, including the Planning Board. The pay is lousy, the hours can be long, but the satisfaction knowing that you are helping your Town more than makes up for the slight inconvenience that might have been required.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Milford Planning Board,

Walter Murray, Chairman